



# Teacher Development Professional Learning 2024-2025

## OPTIONAL Professional Learning Sessions (In-Person @ FCSS) 8:30am-3:00pm

These sessions are geared toward participating teachers, and they will have priority in registration. Coaches can still register for these sessions, and if room allows, their registration will be approved. There is no cost for Teachers or Coaches to attend these sessions; however, Teachers and Coaches will need to contact their district for approval and substitute arrangements.



### **Building Classroom Community through Class Circles & Restorative Practices (11/8/24)**

Presenter: Dee Dee Buchanan, FCSS SEL Content Specialist

A positive class culture can have a profound impact on learning. Creating this environment takes intention and on-going reflection and practice. In this session, teachers will learn both "the why" and "the how" of conducting class circles and implementing restorative practices where students are viewed as partners and owners of their classroom, learning, and community.



### **Supporting English Learners with the Instruction They Need (11/19/24)**

Presenter: Lisa Clark, FCSS Content Coordinator (ELA, English Learner Instructional Services, History/Social Studies)

Are you new to ELD? Does creating an ELD lesson plan seem complicated? Is the ELPAC a mystery to you? Join us for an introductory, interactive workshop that will introduce you to the ELD standards, ELD proficiency levels, ELPAC tasks, and some lesson planning basics for ELD.



### **Unlock the Power of Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom (12/4/24)**

Presenter: Jessica Peterson, FCSS EdTECH Content Coordinator

Join our AI Workshop for Education and unlock the power of Artificial Intelligence in the classroom! This workshop offers an introduction to AI and its applications in the field of education. Discover how AI can impact teaching and learning and gain practical knowledge and skills to effectively integrate AI technologies into your educational practices. In addition to exploring the practical applications of AI in education, our workshop will also emphasize the importance of establishing policies and guidelines for its responsible use.



### **Cultivating Young Mathematicians: Collaborative Approaches for K-6 Teachers (1/29/25)**

Presenter: Shannon Crass, FCSS Math Content Specialist

In this engaging workshop, K-6 teachers will explore innovative strategies to foster thinking classrooms that breathe life into the mathematical practices essential for success in the SBAC assessment and beyond. Participants will learn how to cultivate young mathematicians through a repertoire of mathematical routines that can be integrated into any curriculum, K-6 grade level and school site.



### **Beyond Passive Learning: Empowering Students Through Active Engagement (2/4/25)**

Presenter: Dee Dee Buchanan, FCSS SEL Content Specialist

We know students learn best when they are engaged in classrooms. But how do we facilitate a learning environment where students are not just passive recipients of information, but actively involved in doing the heavy cognitive lift? In this session, K-12 teachers will learn how to cultivate high student engagement and accountable participation through research-based cooperative learning structures and strategies.



### **Universal Design for Learning (UDL): An Introduction to the Essentials (2/26/25)**

Presenter: Dr. Jessica Lambert, FCSS UDL Content Specialist

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a powerful approach to improve and optimize learning for all students by setting clear, rigorous goals, anticipating barriers, and proactively designing lessons to minimize those barriers. In this introductory session, K-12 teachers will be introduced to the why, what, and how of UDL. Teachers will have time to apply the framework to design an upcoming lesson and walk away with actionable next steps to move them forward in their UDL implementation journey.



### **Universal Design for Learning (UDL): Enhancing Access for Special Populations (3/13/25)**

Presenter: Dr. Jessica Lambert, FCSS UDL Content Specialist

Whether you're an ED Specialist or General Ed teacher in the K-12 realm, this session will deepen your understanding of how UDL can be implemented to benefit ALL students. All really does mean all and this session is tailored to support teachers in understanding how to effectively implement UDL to improve learning outcomes for special populations, including English learners, culturally diverse students, learners with IEP or 504 plans, students with medical needs, as well as advanced learners. Teachers will walk away inspired and equipped to reduce barriers, effectively address learner variability, and optimize learning outcomes for all students.